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SUBJECT: GOM COMMUNIQUE ON KING'S PLANS FOR MOROCCAN NUCLEAR POWER

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED BY MOROCCAN MINISTRY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF
INFORMATION FOLLOWING DECEMBER 8 ROYAL AUDIENCE WITH
FRENCH, BRITISH AND US AMBASSADORS AND SOVIET AND PRC
CHARGES ON MOROCCAN NUCLEAR INTENTIONS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THIS MORNING HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II
RECEIVED AT THE ROYAL OFFICE THE AMBASSADORS OF FRANCE,
BRITAIN, AND THE UNITED STATES, AND THE CHARGES D'AFFAIRES
OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PRC, IN THEIR CAPACITIES AS
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBER STATES OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL.
DURING THIS AUDIENCE, HIS MAJESTY THE KING
INFORMED THESE DIPLOMATS OF MOROCCO'S WISH TO UNDERTAKE
THE NECESSARY STUDIES FOR THE BUILDING OF A NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT TO MEET THE COUNTRY'S INCREASING NEEDS FOR
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ELECTRICAL POWER.
SUCH A PROJECT HAS BECOME ALL THE MORE NECESSARY

BECAUSE MOROCCO CAN OBTAIN URANIUM FROM PHOSPHATES IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY AT A LOW COST.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING ALSO REMINDED HIS INTERLOCUTORS OF THE IMPORTANT INITIATIVE WHICH HE ANNOUNCED AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER IN VERSAILLES--THE INITIATIVE AIMED AT FURNISHING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THAT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WITH ALL THE SAFEGUARDS (GARANTIES) TO ASSURE THE PEACEFUL USE OF ITS ENERGY POTENTIAL, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE SETTING UP OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONTROL.

THE SOVERIGN HIGHLIGHTED THIS EXTRAORDINARY SYSTEM OF GUARANTEE WHICH WOULD BE ADDED TO THE COMMITMENTS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY MOROCCO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 30 JANUARY 1973 AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE SAFEGUARDS IN THE TREATY ON THE NONPROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY PRIME MINISTER AHMED OSMAN AND MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DR. AHMED LARAKI. END TEXT.

3. OFFICIAL NOTE VERBALE ON MEETING AND COMMENT FOLLOW IN SEPTELS. ANDERSON.
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